



Class 10 Newsletter

Summer 2020



Welcome back!

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable, Easter holiday even though it was a little different this year! We are still working hard behind the scenes and excited as ever to see what you have been getting up to during this time at home. Please feel free to email the office with any photos or updates to what you have been learning.

Maths

Usually, this term would be spent focusing on the end of Key Stage 2 assessments and although this isn't the case this year, there are still plenty of resources online for you to sink your teeth into!

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

In addition to this, there are also tasks to complete on the homework menus that have been prepared.

English

This term, our English topics will be focused on using the books you have at home. We would love it if you could give your child opportunities to write and read – there are so many opportunities during this time to find inspiration. We've mentioned activities such as: keeping a diary, writing short stories, writing and illustrating a story book for children and researching topics of interest.

We greatly value all the extra help and support that children are receiving at home with their homework, early bedtimes and daily breakfast: this really does have a real impact on children's performance. As always, we would love it if your children could continue to practise their spellings and read daily during this time.

Science

We would like you to carry out some science investigations at home this term; science is all around us even when we don't realise! This term, we'd like you to look at the science behind food storage and explore the question, 'What is the best way to store food to slow down the growth of harmful micro-organisms?'. See the Homework Menu for more details.

R.E

The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We would like you to use your bibles to look deeper into the meaning behind a range of scripture passages. Please see homework menus for details. Remember, our parish family at Stockton are streaming live masses throughout the week on their Facebook page and the CAFOD website has some great resources for collective worship at home.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources>



P.E.

Joe Wicks' PE sessions are still happening live on Youtube which is a great activity to start the day.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaXW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

It is important that we keep active during this time and take every opportunity to get out in the fresh air for our daily exercise either in the garden or out and about, remaining at a safe distance from others.

History/Geography

This term we have asked children to research Sir Walter Raleigh who is a key figure in Tudor history. The children loved learning about the Tudors last term so we hope they look forward to diving further into the topic before moving onto mountains as a geography focus later in the term.

Other Curriculum Areas

Our weekly homework menus are available on the school website and although we would like children to continue working at home, it is also important to make the most of this precious time with your family.

Computing: As always, pupils can use their Purple Mash log ins to access computing resources on a range of topics. It is also important that they are reminded of the importance of online safety. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> and <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/> are great resources to refresh their memories.

Art, DT, Music and MFL: The Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-6#subjects> and BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> are providing lessons online for foundation subjects to help children to continue their learning at home in all areas of the curriculum.

Other Useful Links

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elvenses-catch-up/>

<https://s3.letsembark.ca/long-creations/2020-COVID-19-Time-Capsule-EN-CA.pdf>

<https://www.facebook.com/parishfamilystocktonRC/>

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

<https://trockstars.com/home>

Keeping Mentally Healthy

During these unprecedented times, it is normal to feel stress or anxiety build up and therefore we would like to emphasise the importance of looking after our physical and mental health as well as supporting our children to stay emotionally and mentally healthy.

There are plenty of other hands on learning experiences that children can engage with at home. We would like to reiterate that we feel it is important to strike a healthy balance between the two.

Our Facebook page is also up and running so check in to see if there are any additional competitions or optional tasks for your children to complete at home should they want to get involved and stay in touch. We have also added a 'Keeping Mentally Healthy' page on the website which is regularly updated with ideas and activities that can help us to look after our mental health.

<https://stjosephsacademy.org.uk/contact/keeping-mentally-healthy/>

We appreciate your continued support at this time. We would love for you to stay in touch and send in photos of the children's work and what they have been getting up to. If you have any questions or queries, questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the office: office@stjosephsacademy.org.uk

As always, stay home, stay safe and stay healthy

God bless

Mrs Butterworth and Mrs Gentle